

Part C State Annual Performance Report (APR) for FFY 2006**Overview of the Annual Performance Report Development:**

The Arizona Early Intervention Program used the following data sources for completing this indicator:

- ❖ AZ's December 1, 2006 Table 1, Report of Infants and Toddlers Receiving Early Intervention Services data reported to OSEP
- ❖ OSEP Table 7-1. Infants and toddlers ages birth through 2 receiving early intervention services under IDEA, Part C, by age and state: 2006
- ❖ ITCA Table Infants and toddlers ages birth through 2 receiving early intervention services under IDEA, Part C, by eligibility criteria, and state: 2006
- ❖ OSEP Table C-6. Estimated resident population ages birth through 2, by race/ethnicity and state: 2006

The actual target data were presented at a stakeholders' meeting on January 11, 2007 at which time improvement activities completed and progress in meeting the target were discussed. In late March 2008, the State will report, on its website, progress or slippage made in meeting the measurable and rigorous target found in the SPP, and the performance of each early intervention program located in the State on the target in the SPP.

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / Child Find

Indicator 6: Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to:

- A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and
- B. National data.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Measurement:

- A. Percent = [(# of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs) divided by the (population of infants and toddlers birth to 3)] times 100 compared to the same percent calculated for other States with similar (narrow, moderate or broad) eligibility definitions.
- B. Percent = [(# of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs) divided by the (population of infants and toddlers birth to 3)] times 100 compared to National data.

FFY	Measurable and Rigorous Target
FFY 2006	1.65%

Actual Target Data for FFY 2006: 1.81%

A. Comparison to other states with narrow eligibility requirements:

Rank	State	Percentage of birth through 2 population served
1	Connecticut	3.41%
2	North Dakota	3.11%
3	Idaho	2.77%
4	Maine	2.42%
5	South Carolina	1.98%
6	Oklahoma	1.97%
7	Montana	1.94%
8	Utah	1.84%
9	Arizona	1.81%
10	Oregon	1.8%
11	Nebraska	1.74%
12	Tennessee	1.67%
13	District of Columbia	1.4%
14	Nevada	1.36%
15	Georgia	1.26%

B. Comparison to National Data:

	2006 % of population served	% Increase in total number of children served
National	2.43%	<2%
Arizona	1.81%	19%

Discussion of Improvement Activities Completed and Explanation of Progress or Slippage that occurred for FFY 2006

Arizona's actual child count data for birth to 3 (1.81%) **exceeded its target** of 1.65% for the report year 2006-2007.

Problems with Arizona's 2006 child count data collection, processing, and measurement were identified in January 2007. The parameters that were being used to identify a child as an eligible child with an active IFSP were incorrectly eliminating some children who were being provided services under Part C. In addition, initial IFSP dates were being used to identify "active" IFSPs, rather than current IFSP dates; therefore, children whose current record did not contain an initial IFSP date were not counted. This problem was initially addressed in March – June 2007 by revising the data system's child count data parameters, re-running the child count reports, and submitting revised reports to OSEP in July 2007. However, there remained a number of records that contained insufficient data to be included in the count, and therefore, Arizona's birth to three count may be under-reported.

Arizona's birth to 3 population has increased by 5.4% since 2005, and by more than 30% since 1996. The total US birth to 3 population has increased by less than 1% since 2005, and by just over 7% since 1996. Arizona continues to make improvements in the total percentage of the birth to 3 population served, despite experiencing extremely rapid population growth. Arizona's number of

children served increased by 19% from FFY 2005 to FFY 2006. Arizona trend data demonstrate progress in the percentage of children served since 2002.

Eleven of fifteen Arizona counties met or exceeded the State's target of 1.65%. Continued implementation of effective public awareness and child find efforts, as well as improvements to data collection and analysis contributed to progress.

The four counties that did not meet the State target, Maricopa, Mohave, Yuma, and Cochise, are among the fastest growing counties in the State, according to the Population Statistics Unit of the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Maricopa and Yuma Counties, while not meeting the State target, did make progress over their FFY 2005 performance. It is unclear what factors led to slippage in the two counties that did not make progress. Both of these counties have effective systems for responding to referrals and determining eligibility. In Cochise County, for example, both the number of referrals and the number of children determined eligible increased significantly, while the number of children captured on December 1 declined slightly. In Mohave County, both the number of referrals and the number of children served, declined from FFY 2005 to FFY 2006, pointing to a need to review and improve public awareness and child find efforts in this county.

It must be noted however, that 8% (429/5,299) of the children identified in Arizona's December 1 child count did not have a county designation in their record, and therefore could not be attributed to any one of the 15 counties.

On the National level, of the 15 states with narrow eligibility requirements, Arizona ranks 9th for FFY 2006, up from 12th for FFY 2005, with regard to percentage of the birth to 3 population served.

Whereas Arizona's percentage of birth to 3 served (1.81%) continues to be below the national percentage (2.43%), Arizona's number of children served increased by 19%, a larger percentage than the increase in the national number of children served (<2%).

The percentage increase in number of children served was calculated by comparing data in OSEP's Table 7-1 2006 to data in OSEP's Table 8-1 2005, Infants and toddlers ages birth through 2 receiving early intervention services under IDEA, Part C, by age and state.

Improvement Activities	Timelines	Status
Update Public Awareness Plan		
Revise strategies to identify and inform families of children who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are potentially transient (such as migrant, homeless, and military families); • have premature infants or infants with other physical risk factors; • are involved with the behavioral health and Medicaid system; and • are involved with the child protective system (children are wards of the State). 	January 2006 and ongoing	Completed
Continue PA efforts to primary referrals sources.	December 2005 and ongoing	Ongoing
Monitor and evaluate PA efforts and revise plan as needed.	January 2007	Ongoing

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Improvement Activities	Timelines	Status
Develop and maintain collaborative efforts with agencies and organizations representing primary referral sources.		
Continue implementation of Child Find IGA with Arizona Department of Education (ADE).	Ongoing	The Child Find IGA was revised at the end of FFY2006 and the revised IGA is now in place
Continue to develop and implement agreements with Early Head Start, Healthy Families, and tribal early care and education programs that outline child find and public awareness responsibilities and efforts.	Ongoing	Continuing
Collect, analyze and utilize public awareness and child find data (e.g., referral source data, child demographics, public awareness materials) to guide efforts.		
Track and analyze public awareness distribution data by county.	December 2005 and annually through 2010	Completed and continuing
Analyze referral data to identify patterns by county or referral source, including CAPTA, health and medical community, programs serving homeless children, etc.	December 2005 and ongoing	Completed and continuing
Analyze 618 data to identify patterns by county.	December 2005	Completed and continuing
Share data analysis findings with regional child find.	December 2005 and ongoing	Completed and continuing
Incorporated herein are the improvement activities from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator # 1 regarding the team-based model Indicator # 5 		Ongoing

Revisions, with Justification, to Proposed Targets / Improvement Activities / Timelines / Resources for FFY 2006-2010:

Improvement Activities	Timelines	Resources
Improve data collection related to child count. New Activity related to identification of data problem.	January 2008- January 2009	DES/AzEIP Staff, Technical Assistance and Monitoring Specialists, Agency Partners
Conduct monthly review of submitted data for completeness and accuracy. New Activity related to identification of data problem.	January 2008 and ongoing	DES/AzEIP staff